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- a. <u>Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-141145</u>. The relevance of this document is discussed at page <u>2</u> of the specification of the present application and is shown in the English-language abstract.
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- c. <u>Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 5-144412</u>. The relevance of this document is discussed at page <u>4</u> of the specification of the present application and is shown in the English-language abstract.
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- e. <u>Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2003-87807</u>. The relevance of this document can be understood from the attached English-language abstract. Also this document is the published counterpart to Japanese Application No. 2001-27228 listed in the executed Declaration.

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